

FISH BRING GOOD PRICES.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT CHRISTMAS IS ONLY TWO DAYS AWAY.

Considering that Christmas is but two days away, the T wharf dealers are certainly paying fine prices for fish. Time was, and not too long ago either, when a fare of fresh fish at T wharf on Christmas week wouldn't bring much of a figure, but this morning, with 13 trips in, and three of those off shores and good sized ones, haddock are bringing \$3.50 to \$4.25, large cod \$3.10 to \$3.75, hake \$2.60 to \$5 and pollock \$2.60 to \$2.75.

The off shore vessels in are schs. Manhasset, Lillian and Elmer E. Gray, these crafts having from 32,000 to 66,000 pounds, the Lillian having the latter amount.

Four of the pollockers have from 3000 to 10,000 pounds and the market boats have just ordinary fares.

Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Warren M. Goodspeed, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Manhasset, 16,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
 - Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 cusk.
 - Sch. James and Esther, 9000 pollock.
 - Sch. Marguerite Haskins, 4000 pollock.
 - Sch. Thomas Brundage, 10,000 pollock.
 - Sch. Mabel Bryson, 3000 pollock.
 - Sch. Rebecca, 5000 haddock, 1100 cod, 300 pollock.
 - Sch. Washakie, 4000 haddock, 500 cod.
 - Sch. Victor and Ethan, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Lillian, 32,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 12,000 hake.
 - Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 4500 haddock, 3000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 pollock.
 - Sch. Maud F. Silva, 1000 haddock, 2800 cod, 3000 hake.
- Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt; large cod, \$3.10 to \$3.75; market cod, \$2.30 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2.60 to \$2.75; hake, \$2.60 to \$5; cusk, \$2.25.

ANCHOR CAUGHT MOORING STONE.

Crew of Sch. James and Esther Unable to Pull Up Ground Tackle.

The fishing schooner James and Esther was towed to T wharf yesterday afternoon from the lower harbor by the tug Pallas, and Capt. Fred Ford of the tug said that the two-masted fishing vessel towed harder than any big six sticker, coal laden, he had ever passed a towing hawser to. The reason for Capt. Ford's observations as to hard towing was the fact that fast to the anchor of the schooner was 10 tons or so of granite and chain, intended by Uncle Sam to hold a buoy amid the winter ice of the Narrows.

Sch. James and Esther, Capt. O'Neil, anchored inside of Bug Light yesterday to wait for a tug, to tow her up against the head wind. When the tug came alongside, an attempt was made to break out her mud hook, and although the entire crew hauled and puffed they could not bring home the ground tackle. The anchor road was made fast short up, and when the tide lifted the obstruction off the bottom, the Pallas started for the city with her tow.

On arrival at T wharf the wrecking tug Susie D., with much work, freed the anchor of the schooner and steamed away with a five-foot chunk of granite and 10 fathom of iron chain hanging from the end of her derrick boom. The tug was listed 30 degrees by the weight of the catch made by the fisherman.

Halifax Fish Notes.

Groundfish landings last week, including receipts at Hawkesburg and Canso branches, totalled 386,000 pounds. The two steam trawlers operating from Canso had not secured the average catches of previous weeks, owing to unfavorable weather conditions, according to latest reports.

Rail and express shipments were about an average of two carloads a day during the week, except at the end of the week, when they were larger, special facilities being now provided for an all-round improvement, both as to quicker transit and immediate distribution at points in the interior.

Latest advices from leading markets on either side of the Atlantic indicate active demand in most of the ports, especially in prime large and medium. The position in pickled fish, both mackerel and herring is on similar lines, and ruling quotations show that prices generally are on a higher level than for many years.

Cutter Woodbury Saved Vessel.

That the cutter Woodbury, oldest of the vessels in the revenue cutter service, has not out-lived her usefulness despite her 54 years, was shown last night when she arrived at Rockland with the Stonington, Conn., schooner Alice P. Turner, which she had saved from the rocky ledges at York's Narrows, near Stonington, in Penobscot bay.

The rescue was effected late Wednesday night during a blinding snow storm, which made the work of the Woodbury's bluejackets doubly difficult.

The Turner ran aground Wednesday and was pounding badly when the Woodbury appeared. To prevent the schooner being driven farther back on the rocks, the Woodbury's men made lines fast to kedge anchors, and at high tide last night, after much pulling, the Turner again slid into clear water.

PACIFIC HALIBUT AND HERRING.

Interesting Batch of News From the Alaska Fisheries.

The Fishing Gazette publishes the following interesting batch of Pacific halibut fishery news from its Petersburg, Alaska, correspondent:

Halibuting is again a paying proposition. The fishermen who for eight or ten days tied up owing to low prices have baited and sailed. Late cables and wireless reports from Seattle put halibut at 5 1-2 cents, with a prospect of the market advancing, if cold weather continues.

The halibut men fishing out of Wrangell Narrows state that the fish shipped during November, excepting the last five days of the month, netted only from two to two and one-half cents. Reports by brokers indicate that much of the halibut was undersized, soft, or "cooked" in transportation.

The demand for salt herring is something "fierce." Herring fishermen who quit and went halibuting (and got stuck) are now tearing great handfuls of hair out of their heads. The herring buyers are freely offering \$8.50 per barrel, Seattle, and nearly any size is accepted. Several of the Wrangell Narrows and Juneau schooners quit halibut and went after the herring with gill nets.

Herring, lightly dry salted in halibut boxes, are in splendid demand at \$55 a ton, Seattle.

Black cod is bringing almost halibut prices. The fishermen consider it more profitable to ship this than to use for bait.

Fresh bait, which is in fair supply, has advanced 50 cents a barrel. Quotations at Wrangell Narrows are: Fresh, \$2; salt, \$2.50. The demand for herring bait cured by its brine has ceased. The trade now demands that strong white brine be poured on the fish as soon as packed. Such bait is marked as mild-cured.

Several of the halibut captains state that they were offered contracts for Alaska fish this season. They are now "kicking" because they didn't accept. They state, however, that in view of the fact that the market is advancing, they would not accept contracts for winter, unless sky-high prices are made. One Puget Sound company has been trying to contract with a few of the schooners.

The eight-dory gasoline schooner Eddie has been making profitable trips of late. She has brought in, twice, 70,000 and 80,000 halibut in six-day trips.

GET GOOD CHECK FOR CHRISTMAS.

BOSTON FISH DEALERS PAYING HIGH PRICES TODAY AND SOME HAVE BIG FARES.

Even the last day before Christmas finds the T wharf dealers hungry for fish and paying fine big prices for all the 17 trips in the dock this morning. Two of the offshore fleet are in, sch. James W. Parker from the eastward and sch. Raymah from the southwest part of Georges, each with about 30,000 pounds of fish.

Capt. Hogan of the Raymah is evidently trying to make trips with the market boats, as he was in last Saturday from the same ground, with 40,000 pounds.

Sch. Pontiac, which has been fishing out around Menemsha Bight along with a few others of the market boats for some little time, and landing her fares at Portland, is back to her regular berth this morning, Capt. Nickerson evidently making up his mind to have Christmas at home. He reports that while he has been out that way he has landed 40,000 pounds of fresh fish, all haddock and cod, at Newport.

The crew of sch. Catherine D. Enos will have just the dandiest kind of a Christmas check coming to them, as that little craft has nothing less than 17,000 pounds of the newest kind of codfish and large cod are bringing \$4.

Sch. M. Madeleine has 13,000 pounds of cod, so her crew will also be in on the big joy checks. Sch. Rose Standish has 16,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock, but the other shore boats have small catches.

Haddock sold at \$3.85 to \$4.25 just think of that for the day before Christmas—large cod \$3.50 to \$4, hake the same old standard, \$3 to \$5, and pollock up again to \$3.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. James W. Parker, 11,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 5000 cusk.
 - Sch. Raymah, 25,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
 - Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 17,000 cod.
 - Sch. Priscilla, 5000 cod.
 - Sch. Manomet, 3500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000 hake.
 - Sch. Pontiac, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Yankee, 1400 haddock, 200 cod, 200 pollock.
 - Sch. Rose Standish, 12,000 haddock, 900 cod, 3000 hake.
 - Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 4000 haddock, 700 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk.
 - Sch. Mary B. Greer, 4000 haddock, 700 cod, 100 hake.
 - Sch. Galatea, 4500 haddock, 800 cod, 4000 hake.
 - Sch. A. C. Newhall, 4500 haddock, 300 cod, 400 hake.
 - Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 1500 haddock.
 - Sch. M. Madeleine, 13,000 cod.
 - Sch. Hobo, 2300 cod.
 - Sch. Mary Emerson, 2000 cod.
 - Sch. Massasoit, 5500 pollock.
- Haddock, \$3.85 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; pollock, \$3.

Sold Shark for \$10.

Andrew Doane of the schooner Olive F. Hutchins was \$10 richer yesterday morning than the other members of the crew, but he earned it. Thursday morning while fishing off Boone Island, Doane found a big black shark on one of his trawls when he hauled in. The shark was full of fight, and Doane struggled with it for two hours before he stunned it with a club. The big fish nearly upset the boat in its struggles and knocked dozens of fish out. All the other men had got back to the schooner with their catches long before Doane had finished hauling his trawls, and Capt. Hutchins ran the schooner down to where he was. The shark measured 16 feet from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail, and weighed 375 pounds. Doane sold his catch for \$10 at T wharf.

Newfoundland Herring Conditions.

A few miles makes quite a difference in weather conditions on the Newfoundland treaty coast. Yesterday at Bonne Bay the day was fair and mild and some herring, with no sign of frost, while at Bay of Islands there was frost at Lark Harbor, while herring were scarce.

Sch. Ramona has arrived at Bonne Bay.

SCH. BLANCHE SAILED FOR HOME.

Has Sail Which Was in Dispute as Part of Her Equipment.

Davis Bros. Did Not Recede From Their Position.

Sch. Blanche which with a full load of salt herring, has been detained at Bay of Islands, N. F., because a sail which she needed to take the place of one carried away on the passage down, and which was taken down to her by sch. Premier from here, was not permitted to be placed on board of her by the Newfoundland customs authorities without the payment of duty on the same, has sailed for home and with her is the sail hoisted in its proper place and doing its share of the work towards driving her to this port.

Davis Bros., owners of the vessel, have not receded from their position, stated in yesterday's Times, not to pay duty on the sail, therefore the definite advice to the effect that the vessel

has sailed for home with the sail on her would indicate a change of front on the part of the Newfoundland customs authorities in the matter.

As stated in the Times yesterday, the state department took up the matter, and having a representative at Bay of Islands, a careful level-headed man in the person of A. B. Alexander, have no doubt had the fullest details of the incident and been placed in possession of all the facts. In the natural course of events, the department, without doubt, took cognizance and proceeded through its regular channels in the handling of the affair.

Just what has been done at Washington and Downing street is of course not known, but at any rate it is known that the vessel is on the way home and has the sail and that Davis Bros. have receded from their first expressed intention of not paying duty on the sail.

"SUICIDE VS. FREE GREEN FISH."

Another Protest Made Against Article Signed "Progress."

To the Editor of the Times:—It was with great interest I read "Citizen's" reply to "Progress" in your Wednesday's issue. I certainly agree with "Citizen" that our large fishing interest are the best judges of whether free green fish are or are not a benefit to them, and I hardly think it is well for us to dispute this matter with them, for certainly with their experiences and general knowledge, they have learned much that is more or less misunderstood by those who are not directly interested in this our greatest industry.

"Progress" certainly shows a woeful lack of knowledge of his subject and his reasoning is to me away off. If, as he admits, free green fish would wipe out our fishing fleet, what would become of our men who now obtain labor in painting, scrubbing and scraping these same vessels, our caulkers and riggers, our shipsmiths and ship carpenters, our outfitters, our sailmakers, and lumpers generally who now obtain a livelihood in this work, to say nothing of the towboats and railways, the merchants and boarding houses, sparyards, etc.?

Over one quarter of our people are directly dependent on vessels and vessel property and their products; a half of the remainder are interested perhaps less on account of being indirectly benefited, but nevertheless, a loss to one is a loss to the other, and Gloucester can ill afford any less at this time.

If "Progress" could tell me what we can offer in way of employment to those who are depending on the vessels for support, it would be of great relief, I can assure him. Certainly if we are obliged to do away with our vessels, it would necessitate much less help in our offices. Book keepers, outfitting clerks and others now engaged in these employments could find little or nothing in Gloucester to keep them here. Can we spare them?

My opinion, since opinions are being so freely expressed, is that when free green fish come around Eastern Point, an exodus will begin at the railroad station, not a mad rush, perhaps, but a steady flow, and God in his mercy have pity on those who through any reason are unable to go.

MERCHANT.

SCHEME TO RAISE LOBSTERS CHEAPLY

Experiments Being Made That Will Greatly Increase the Supply.

Three and a third cents each hereafter is to be the market price for that most delectable of all late dinner delicacies—the lobster.

Lobsters at 7 cents a pair, bred under artificial conditions, like the cu-

cumber, or the strawberry, are at last to make it possible for the head of the family, haunted by the high cost of living, to henceforth hurl defiance at the trusts, the tariff and the grocer. And this because of the experiments

which a little group of scientists, backed by Uncle Sam at the lobster hatchery at Wickford, R. I., whereby for the first time in the history of the world the lobster is being hatched and raised under artificial conditions.

These experiments in their laboratory houseboat on Narragansett Bay, in conjunction with the work of Dr. H. C. Bumpus at the United States fish hatcheries at Woods Hole, have at last placed the lobster within the reach of every householder, no matter how humble or poor.

Professor H. D. Mead of the Wickford station, makes no hesitation in heralding the 3 1-2 cent lobster as a future reality.

The Wickford system of lobster raising by artificial culture is said to be capable of obtaining 8000 fourth stage, i. e., safely developed lobsters from 20,000 fry. It is, therefore, able by taking advantage of the lobster's great productivity to obtain 80 times as many young of this peculiarly advanced stage as are necessary for the maintenance of the species under the conditions which it confronts in its natural state.

The cost of a rearing plant capable of turning out with 24 boxes over 500,000 lobsterlings, is estimated at \$1800. A 2 1-2 horsepower engine, houseboat, four rafts, gearing, 24 boxes and miscellaneous supplies complete the equipment as calculated by E. W. Barnes, superintendent of the Wickford hatchery.

According to the announcements made at Wickford the lobster hatchery there has fulfilled the task set it by Professor Ehrenbaum, the most eminent foreign lobster expert, who recently declared "Artificial breeding ought not to be content to do at its best only what nature does unaided. It obtains its real justification only when it is in a position to surpass nature in her achievements. Only thus can it accomplish the task set it—to fill the gaps caused by years of excessive fishing."

Of This Great Addition to the Supply of Cheap Food Resources

Professor Mead says "A method by which lobsters can be reared through the larval stage in such numbers and at such a cost that it may be called a 'practical' method has been evolved at the floating laboratory of the Rhode Island Commission of Inland Fisheries at Wickford. Essentially the method consists of confining the larval lobsters in cars, either of porous material or provided with screen windows set into the ocean itself, and of maintaining within the cars, by mechanical means, a continuous gentle current of water having a rotary and upward trend. In detail the method allows of wide variation.

"Any constant motive power can be used, according to the exigencies of particular cases. Various forms of power transmission, of course, may also be used.

"How did I come to make the discovery of our method? Dr. Bumpus had accomplished a good deal in the way of eliminatory work. He had devised many methods which proved impracticable in themselves, but which helped to suggest the idea by which the problem was finally solved satisfactorily.

"We had found, as experimenters the world over had found, that by no means as yet devised could lobster fry be reared in activity to maturity, through the four stages which they must pass. Either they devoured one another during the few days in which special care is so essential or they were swept against the sides of the rearing cars by the action of the tide to die helplessly.

Came to Him When Asleep.

"It was during the time I was sleeping nights on the houseboat hatchery that I first saw what was needed—a current which would sweep them around and upward, preventing their exercising their cannibalistic tendencies and also keeping the food within their reach without fouling the pens.

"In a restaurant soon after the idea came to me, I happened to glance up toward the ceiling, my attention attracted by an electric fan. 'The very thing!' I exclaimed delightedly. Within a few days a rude apparatus was installed. With a few improvements this has enabled us to make an announcement of the great discovery.

"In a series of food experiments at our station it has been decided after using clam, liver, beef and some other foods that chopped raw beef gives the best results as a developing diet. Boiled beef coarsely ground, boiled and ground and then beaten up in water with an egg beater has been used with gratifying results.

"The apparatus for keeping the water in motion consists of a two-bladed horizontally placed propeller of about 4 1-2 feet radius not unlike those some times in use over restaurant tables. The blades are hung inside the car near the bottom and are made to revolve slowly—about nine revolutions a minute.

"The motive power for the propeller at Wickford is furnished by a gasoline engine situated in one of the houses and connected with the propeller shaft by a system of steel shafting and mitted gears. Each propeller can be thrown in and out of gear, according to the state of tide and current, independently."

The feasibility is now being considered, as a further step of raising the lobsters in confinement beyond the fourth stage of development, the only impracticability of this scheme now showing itself is the great space required to keep in captivity lobsters of adult size.

NEW ADVERTISE

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ONE GEORGESMAN ONLY ARRIVAL.

ONLY ARRIVAL WITH FISH AT THIS PORT FOR PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

Sch. Carrie C. is in this morning from a Georges handline trip with 15,000 pounds of salt cod and a few halibut. This is the only arrival with fish, although the prevailing easterly should drive quite a number along before dark.

A few of the market boats are down from Boston and the steamer Bessie M. Dugan, which has been on an otter trawling trip down back of Cape Cod for the past two months is here for over Christmas. The craft must have been doing something as Capt. Vautier is going back at the same line again in a few days.

Sch. Richard came in during the night from Boston, where yesterday she landed a fare of 30,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Carrie C., Georges, 16,000 lbs. salt cod, 700 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Richard, via Portland.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Mettacomet, shore.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, shore.
Sch. Richard, Portland.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. James and Esther, Boston, to haul up.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, otter trawling.
Sch. Richard, via Portland.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Bay of Islands salt herring, \$4.12 1-2 per bbl., Bonne Bay salt herring \$3.75 per bbl., pickled herring \$5 per bbl.
Eastern deck handline salt cod, \$5.55 per cwt.; for large \$5 for mediums and \$5 for snappers.

Bank halibut 12 cts. per lb. for white, 11 cts. for gray, with the heads on.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.
Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.
Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.
Splitting prices for fresh fish:
Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.
Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.
Fresh round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt., gutted \$1.30.

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Would Change Maine Lobster Law.

A petition is being circulated by Charles A. Maxwell of Portland asking the Maine Legislature to amend the law in regard to the measurement of lobsters with a view of changing the requirements from 10½ inches to nine inches in length or to have the Maine law the same as the Massachusetts law. Mr. Maxwell will represent the fishermen before the legislative committee at the time of the hearing.

A bill is also being drafted for a close time on lobsters from the first of July to the first of September.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley of this port was at Louisburg, C. B., Wednesday with 12,000 pounds of fresh fish on board.

Sch. Arbutus was at Shelburne, N. S. on Wednesday.

Capt. Peter Tobin of sch. Lottie G. Merchant reports speaking sch. Titania on Browns bank last Sunday. The vessel was on good fishing and Capt. Vale wished to be reported all well.

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Portland Fish Notes.

An unusually rough trip was reported by the captain of sch. Richard of Gloucester when he came in here Thursday. He had been fishing for about 10 days and bad weather was encountered during the whole of that time. He landed 30,000 pounds of fish for J. W. Trefethen.

The only other fish fare in was sch. Pantooset which took out 3000 pounds at Commercial wharf.

Salt Herring Cargo Sold.

The fare of Bay of Islands, N. F., salt herring of sch. Arthur James sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company and the Cunningham & Thompson Company at \$4.12 1-2 per barrel.

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**TWO ARRIVALS
SINCE FRIDAY.****BOTH VESSELS ARE FROM BONNE
BAY, N. F., WITH SALT
HERRING.**

Since sch. Carrie F. arrived here last Friday night, there have been just two crafts reach this port with fish fares and both are from Bonne Bay, N. F., with cargoes of salt herring. Both these crafts have not been long gone, as the Madonna only sailed from here on December 2 and the Wells on December 3.

The fleet of market boats which tied up here over Christmas remained at the wharves this morning with no sign of a move to go out so it is a good safe bet that it isn't much of a fish day outside.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Helen G. Wells, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1000 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Madonna, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1350 bbls. salt herring, 70 bbls. pickled herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, pollocking.

Sch. Mettacomet, pollocking.

Sch. Valentinna, Boston.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

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Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

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Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

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**HERRING SCARCE ON
TREATY COAST.****LACK OF CONTINUOUS COLD****WEATHER BOTHERING****NEWFOUNDLAND FLEET.**

Advices to the Times from the Newfoundland treaty coast state that of late, no great amount of herring have been taken. One day there would be a small catch, increasing to a considerable quantity the next day, and then followed by several days of entire blank.

A week ago Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday the weather was cold and quite a number of herring were spread and frozen at Bonne Bay. Monday the cold weather turned to mild, accompanied by a heavy rain which washed off most of the snow and left the roads in fearful condition.

Mild weather at this season of the year, when the fishermen anxiously look for frost, knocks all plans in the head. Wednesday the wind came around northwest with a few flakes of snow.

The fishermen and skippers are all looking for the body of herring to strike in and it certainly ought to come soon. Last season the herring acted just the same as they are acting this season.

On Wednesday, when it looked as though there was going to be a snow storm, it turned to rain again, but the snow did come that night finally and Thursday and Thursday night were cold enough to freeze herring.

On Thursday the reports from the Arms were not satisfactory. There were no fish in the North Arm and but few in the Middle Arm. In the Humber there appeared to be good fishing, but there was only one vessel there and that was not an American craft. What few nets were set in the Humber Wednesday night made good catches. This happened once before this season in the Humber; fine fishing for a short time and then a blank.

Herring are reported falling off at Bonne Bay.

At Bay of Islands on Friday there appeared to be but little change in the conditions which had prevailed all the week; no frost and no great amount of herring.

Sch. Lizzie Griffin is probably loaded as she needed but a few barrels to complete her cargo a few days ago.

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MAINE WARDENS ACTIVE.**Making Lively Search Among Fishermen for Short Lobsters.**

That seizure of the lobster smack C. B. Harrington a couple of weeks ago has but whetted the appetite of the Maine fish wardens for more short lobsters.

They have jumped on the job and it is said the word has been passed all down the line so that every man who has been dealing in shorts has been notified to be on the look-out. It has been known for some time that shorts have been peddled out by fishermen about the bay, both to the summer visitors and to others. The work has been done quietly and only rarely has there been any arrest.

Some of these fishermen, so it is said, have removed their field of operations to Portland and have been selling lobsters from some of the wharves. On Friday, according to the stories told by the fishermen themselves, an unusual activity was being displayed by the wardens. One of them made a trip four times down one wharf in the hope of landing some of the illegal shell fish. Other wardens about the bay were also active.

One story was told about two fishermen who were coming up from the Islands. They had 800 shorts when they were told the wardens were about. Every one of the crustaceans were then thrown overboard.

"There goes our Christmas money," was the remark made by one of the men as he turned his boat around and started for home.

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The fishermen say they are dealing in shorts because they can find a market for them in Massachusetts. They complain about the difference in the law in the two states and declare that it should be made uniform. In this, they are taking the same stand as the dealers and say they are losing money because of their inability to sell count lobsters when "cullings" can be disposed of in greater numbers.

Portland Fish Notes.

Friday's fishing arrivals were schs. Mildred V. Nunan, 7000 lbs. fresh fish, and Albert D. Willard, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Quite a party of local fishermen spent Christmas in their former homes in Gloucester, among them being Otis Sudbury, F. M. Harty, John Callahan, Winfield Dennison, John Cannavan, and F. M. Harty, Jr., who has been the guest of his father here during the past week.

Sunday, in the way of fish arrivals, schs. Mildred V. Nunan and Edmund F. Black came in from the fishing grounds, the former with a trip of 12,000 and the latter with 5000 pounds mixed fish for the local market.

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**SOME BIG TRIPS
AT T WHARF.****SCH. CONQUEROR HAS BANNER
FARE LEADING BOTH STEAM
TRAWLERS.**

There is considerable "class" to the fishing arrivals at T wharf this morning, for among the 15 arrivals are several which will rank as the biggest and best trips of the season thus far. Indeed there isn't a poor trip at the dock and even the little Plymouth netters, whose crews hung out over Christmas, will receive their reward therefor in the good shares they will make.

Sch. Conqueror has the banner fare, 86,000 pounds, 60,000 pounds of which are haddock. Sch. Slade Gorton is also on deck with a big catch, 78,000 pounds, 45,000 pounds of which are haddock and 24,000 cod.

The steam trawler Foam has a fine haul, 68,000 pounds and all haddock. She has been out but a few days and fished on the southwest part of Georges, as did her mate, the Spray, which, on her first trip in command of Capt. Ralph Thomas, has 40,000 pounds, also all haddock.

Capt. Conrad is keeping things humming in the knockabout Virginia and has 49,000 pounds, all but 1000 pounds of which are haddock, from the "southwest part."

The five Plymouth netters have from 3500 to 7000 pounds each and the market boats haul for from 12,000 to 19,000 pounds.

Sch. Valentinna has 9000 pollock and the Viking 6000, but they are getting \$3.50 per hundred for them, which is fancy for pollock.

New shore haddock brought \$4.75 and new off-shores \$1, with \$3 for old stock. Large cod are quoted at from \$3.50 to \$5 and hake \$3.50 to \$5.25.

T wharf was deserted by the "fleet" Sunday, all of the fishermen having dispersed to their various homes.

The greater part of them, especially those American born, have homes in Gloucester. The Italian and Portuguese of the schooner and pony fleet made merry in the Italian quarter of the North End, and the fish wharf was as silent as the grave all day Monday and Monday evening.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices at the wharf this morning are:

Steamer Foam, 68,000 haddock, 300 cod.

Steamer Spray, 40,000 haddock.

Sch. Georgianna, 15,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 1000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Virginia, 48,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Valentinna, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 45,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 6000 hake, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Alice, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Lillian, 7000 cod.

Sch. Cherokee, 3500 cod.

Sch. Sylvester, 5000 cod.

Sch. Florida, 7200 cod.

Sch. W. H. Reed, 6000 cod.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 6500 haddock, 2500 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Viking, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Conqueror, 60,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 10,000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3 to \$4.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$3.50 to \$5.25; pollock, \$3.40 to \$3.50; cusk, \$2.50.